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DETAILED ACTION

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 16 September 2009 has been entered.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: There is no antecedent basis for "the focal point". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. Claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16-21 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sackellares (US 2004/0122335).

Regarding claim 1, Sackellares discloses a system for predicting ictal onset in a subject comprising first and second data sensors configured to be positioned on the scalp of a subject, where one is near an ictal onset focal point and the other is remote

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from the first sensor (figures 4A and 4B; paragraphs [0078]-[0079]), and a processor configured to analyze data collected at more than one time point from the sensors (paragraph [0026]; element 1210), where the sensor performs nonlinear manipulation of the data to produce a plurality of marginal predictability values for each time point, and the processor is configured to determine the difference between the marginal predictability values (paragraphs [0025], [0026], [0040], [0045], [0055]-0057], [0069]), where a decrease in the difference between values is predictive of ictal onset (entire document, with particular emphasis on paragraphs [0089], [0096], [0101]). The Examiner notes that Applicant has not provided a specific definition for "near" - given that Sackellares provides a plurality of electrodes on the subject's scalp, any one of them may be considered "near" a focal point. The Examiner also notes that divergence is the opposite of convergence (entrainment), so a decrease in divergence is the same as an increase of convergence.

Regarding claim 2, Sackellares further discloses the sensors comprising electrodes (paragraphs [0078]-[0079]).

Regarding claim 3, Sackellares further discloses the electrodes being used to record electroencephalogram data from the subject (paragraph [0040]).

Regarding claim 5, Sackellares further discloses collecting data at at least three time points (figure 2).

Regarding claims 6 and 7, Sackellares further discloses a subject warning device configured to receive information predictive of an ictal onset from the processor (paragraphs [0024], [0047])

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Regarding claim 8, Sackellares further discloses the warning device comprising at least one audible or visual alarm (paragraph [0095]).

Regarding claim 9, Sackellares further discloses the processor comprising a computer readable memory (paragraph [0050]).

Regarding claim 10, Sackellares further discloses an anti-seizure agent administering device in communication with the processor that is configured to administer an anti-seizure agent to the subject (paragraphs [0103]-[0105]).

Regarding claim 11, Sackellares further discloses the anti-seizure agent being an electrical stimuli device (paragraph [0105]).

Regarding claim 12, Sackellares discloses a method of predicting ictal onset in a subject comprising providing a system with first and second data sensors configured to be positioned on the scalp of a subject, where one is near an ictal onset focal point and the other is remote from the first sensor (figures 4A and 4B; paragraphs [0078]-[0079]), and a processor configured to analyze data collected at more than one time point from the sensors (paragraph [0026]; element 1210), where the sensor performs nonlinear manipulation of the data to produce a plurality of marginal predictability values for each time point, and the processor is configured to determine the difference between the marginal predictability values (paragraphs [0025], [0026], [0040], [0045], [0055]-0057], [0069], [0089], [0096], [0101]), obtaining marginal predictability values for more than one time point, and determining the difference between the values, where a decrease in the difference between values is predictive of ictal onset (paragraphs [0089], [0096], [0096], [0101]). The Examiner notes that Applicant has not provided a specific definition for

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"near" - given that Sackellares provides a plurality of electrodes on the subject's scalp, any one of them may be considered "near" a focal point. The Examiner also notes that divergence is the opposite of convergence (entrainment), so a decrease in divergence is the same as an increase of convergence.

Regarding claim 13, Sackellares further discloses the sensors comprising electrodes (paragraphs [0078]-[0079]).

Regarding claim 14, Sackellares further discloses the electrodes being used to record electroencephalogram data from the subject (paragraph [0040]).

Regarding claim 16, Sackellares further discloses collecting data at at least three time points (figure 2).

Regarding claims 17 and 18, Sackellares further discloses a subject warning device configured to receive information predictive of an ictal onset from the processor (paragraphs [0024], [0047])

Regarding claim 19, Sackellares further discloses the warning device comprising at least one audible or visual alarm (paragraph [0095]).

Regarding claim 20, Sackellares further discloses an anti-seizure agent administering device in communication with the processor that is configured to administer an anti-seizure agent to the subject (paragraphs [0103]-[0105]).

Regarding claim 21, Sackellares further discloses the anti-seizure agent being an electrical stimuli device (paragraph [0105]).

5. Claims 4 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sackellares, as applied above, and further in view of Boling (US 2003/0195602).

Sackellares discloses all the elements of the claimed inventions, as described above, except for the plurality of time points being separated by ten minute intervals. Boling teaches measuring biosignals to predict an ictal onset in a subject where the measurements are taken at time points separated by non-recording intervals (paragraphs [0203], [0207]), in order to reduce the amount of data captured by the system. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have configured the system of Sackellares to capture data at time points separated by non-recording intervals, as taught by Boling, in order to reduce the data captured by the system. The Examiner notes that Sackellares and Boling do not expressly disclose the interval between measurements being ten minutes; at the time the invention was made, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice for a person of ordinary skill in the art to separate measurements by ten minutes because the Applicant has not disclosed that the exact interval between measurements provides a particular advantage, is for a particular purpose, or solves a stated problem. Moreover, it appears that the interval of Boling, or Applicant's interval, would perform equally well to minimize measurements. Accordingly, it would have been prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Sackellares and Boling to take measurements at ten minute intervals, because such a modification would have been considered a mere design consideration that fails to patentably distinguish over Sackellares and Boling.

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Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16-21 have been considered but are most in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

The Examiner notes that Applicant did not provide any arguments related to Boling in the most recent response.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US 6304775 to lasemidis, 7177108 to Rapp, and 6658287 to Litt, which disclose similar inventions.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KAREN E. TOTH whose telephone number is (571)272-6824. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon thru Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor II can be reached on 571-272-4730. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Patricia C. Mallari/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3735

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